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SUBJECT: QATAR TO STUDY REQUEST FOR LEADING ROLE IN LEBANON
BORDER MISSION

REF: STATE 146813

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Michael A. Ratney,
reasons 1.4 (b,d)

11. (C) Charge delivered reftel demarche October 22 to MFA Assistant Minister for Follow-up Affairs Mohamed Al-Rumaihi, stressing U.S. support for a Qatari leadership role in a joint EU-Arab Lebanon border mission proposed by Lebanese PM Siniora. Charge also emphasized our desire that Qatar garner Arab League support for the mission. Al-Rumaihi responded that he was very familiar with Siniora's proposal and undertook to respond to our request following GOQ discussion and coordination.

12. (C) Charge also raised the issue October 21 with the Chief of Staff of the Qatari Armed Forces, MG Hamad al-Attiyeh. Al-Attiyeh thought it was an interesting idea, but doubted that the GOQ would wish to get involved prior to election of the next Lebanese president and without greater clarity in the Lebanese political situation.

RATNEY